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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/582,623
Filing Date	July 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Rene Chiocci
Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	Harvey E. Behrend
Attorney Docket Number	34988

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 16-0820 Order No. 34988
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 09/05/2003 AV00DAF1 00000036 09500000
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 750.00
- iii. ☐ Other Any additional fees
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1680.00 enclosed
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Rene Chiocca, et al.

Serial No.: 09/582,623

Art Unit: 3641

Filed: July 21, 2000

Title: "DEVICE FOR TRANSVERSE IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEAR  
FUEL ASSEMBLIES INSIDE TRANSPORT CONTAINERS"

Examiner: Harvey E. Behrend

Docket No.: 34988

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the final Office action dated March 3, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office action expired on June 3, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for 3 months, to September 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$1680.00 is enclosed to cover the \$750.00 RCE filing fee and \$930.00 extension of time fee. Applicant requests that the application be amended in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments / Remarks begin on page 5.

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